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Security Council

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3.30 p.m . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

A drafting session on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 10 October 2008 from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The session will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). Consideration of the first three sections of the draft outcome document will continue.

For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I) and A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II))[1]; *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

[1]To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. General debate: *item 33* (A/63/23, chapters VII and XII, and A/63/65); *item 34* (A/62/23, chapters V and XII); item 35 (A/63/23, chapters VI and XII, and A/63/61); *item 36* (A/63/67); and *item 37* (A/63/23 and A/63/131)

2. Action on draft resolutions and a draft decision relating to agenda items on decolonization (agenda items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37)

   (a) Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations . . . . . [33]

   Draft resolution I (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 51)

   (b) Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories . . . . . [34]

   Draft resolution II (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 52)

   (c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations . . . . . [35]

   Draft resolution III (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 54)

   (d) Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories . . . . . [36]

   Draft resolution (A/C.4/63/L.3)

   (e) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

(i) Question of Western Sahara

Draft resolution (A/C.4/63/L.5)[1]

(ii) Question of Gibraltar

Draft decision (A/C.4/63/L.4)

(iii) Question of New Caledonia

Draft resolution IV (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 59)

(iv) Question of Tokelau

Draft resolution V (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 62)

(v) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

Draft resolution VI (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 64)

(vi) Dissemination of information on decolonization

Draft resolution VII (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 78)

(vii) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Draft resolution VIII (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 80)

(viii) Draft decision on increase in the membership of the Special Committee with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Draft decision (A/63/23/Add.1, para. 4)

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[1]To be issued.

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "Challenges and emerging issues in external debt restructuring in the context of the current financial crisis"

Chair

H.E. Mrs. Uche Joy Ogwu (Nigeria), Chairperson of the Second Committee

Moderator

Mr. Paul Lolo, Director, First United Nations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria

Panellists:

Ms. Geske Dijkstra, Associate Professor of Economics, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands;

Mr. Steven Kargman, President, Kargman Associates, New York, United States;

Mr. Sony Kapoor, Executive Director of Re-DeFinE (Rethinking Development, Finance & Environment); and

Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones, Executive Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University, New York

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6.30 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . 7th meeting . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/63/87, A/63/89, A/63/90, A/63/99 and A/C.3/63/L.2) . . . . [97]
2. International drug control (A/63/111) . . . . [98]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11, A/63/68, A/62/11, A/62/70, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/C.5/61/11 and A/56/767))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 128 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/302 (Part 1), A/63/302 (Part 1)/Add.1 and A/63/302 (Part 1)/Add.2)); and 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/63/328 Section III, Part A, B and C))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Criminal accountability of United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission (A/63/54, A/63/260 and A/63/260/Add.1) . . . . [73]

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Meeting with the Staff Council

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 10 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

1–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (Biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction" (under agenda item 96) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Hungary)

12.30–1.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The prevention of illicit brokering activities" (under agenda item 91) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Australia and the Republic of Korea)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of co-sponsors and interested States on draft resolution on "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" (under agenda item 89 (r)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of India)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" (under agenda item 89 (g)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

2.30–3.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ukraine)

3.30–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Other meetings

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Friday, 10 October 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (briefing on sustainable development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on legal matters

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Southern African Development Community (SADC) (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other activities

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Friday, 10 October 2008

Seminar on "The Arms Trade Treaty" (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[For further information please contact Ms. Céline Laceres; or Ms. Assiba Azanney, Permanent Mission of France (e-mails Celine.Laceres@diplomatie.gouv.fr; or Assiba.Azanney@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4941).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Briefing on development cooperation with middle-income countries (organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia and Namibia)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (on the Secretary-General's Report on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF))

From 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent and Observer Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Corazon dela Pena, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-9682; e-mail penac@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 10 October 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Hédi Annabi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) (to provide an update on the situation in Haiti)

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (on the latest developments in negotiations on a new climate change agreement that needs to be finalized by December 2009 in Copenhagen)

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 13 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. 24th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/472) [122]
2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/209) [67]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/210) [68]: joint debate
3. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/63/92) [10]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/63/218 and A/63/218/Corr.1 (English only)) [101]: joint debate

Main Committees

First Committee

The Committee will continue its substantive work, by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items until Tuesday, 14 October 2008.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Delegations to the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) are strongly encouraged to submit draft resolutions and decisions by e-mail. The First Committee secretariat has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose (1cdrafts@un.org). The deadline for submission is Thursday, 16 October, at 12 noon. The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section

"Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail lois@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1(212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 13 October 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ukraine)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring stable economic development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 49) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft on "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons" (under agenda item 82) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament" (under agenda item 89 (v)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Myanmar)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Human Rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC)" (under agenda item 89 (k)) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of Migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors and interested States on the draft resolution entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while countering Terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in armaments" (under agenda item 89 (f)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (under agenda item 64 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (on the Currency Transaction Tax)

Monday 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Bilateral contacts on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (convened by the Coordinator)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[In order to facilitate the scheduling of their appointments, interested delegations should contact Ms. Maria Telalian (tel. 1 (212) 479-1331; e-mail mtelelian@gmail.com).]

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee experts)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 9.15 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

International Criminal Court: Informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Informal meeting on the upcoming first meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Jordan, New Zealand and South Africa)

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[Permanent Missions are invited to attend.]

Briefing by the facilitators and the Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for delegates of the Third Committee on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119 (Programme Planning)) (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend.]

Introduction of two reports of the Secretary-General entitled: "The New Partnership for Africa's Development: sixth consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support" (A/63/206); and "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/63/212) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[For further information please contact Mr. Mehdi Hamam, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2645; e-mail hamamm@un.org); or Ms. Cheryl Larsen, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8401; e-mail larsenc@un.org).]

Presentation of a report entitled "Abolishing nuclear weapons", by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Paul Shrubsole, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (email paul.shrubsole@fco.gov.uk).]

Panel discussion on "Do not sever your lifeline! Why involving young people is crucial for development, especially in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and how to engage them" (organized by the United Nations Youth Delegates and supported by the Permanent Missions of Jamaica, the Netherlands and Thailand)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Wouter Thiebou (tel. 1 (347) 573-6294; e-mail wouterthiebou@gmail.com); or Ms. Laura Bosch (tel. 1 (212) 519-9738; e-mail laura.bosch@minbuza.nl).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on "Least Developed Countries Report, 2008"

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.35 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 20 to 24 October 2008, in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (tel. 1 (917) 367-5734; e-mail lennard@un.org); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

Delegations, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business sector are reminded that in view of the proximity of the Conference and the limited availability of facilities, a deadline to submit proposals for side events to be held during the Conference is set for Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All requests should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stefania Piffanelli (e-mail piffanelli@un.org).

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and

participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 9 October 2008

Security Council

5991st meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 9 October 2008, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5991st meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Edmond Mulet, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Mulet and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

5992nd meeting *The situation in Georgia*

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/2008/631)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/639 which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/639) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/639) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1839 (2008).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

23rd plenary meeting *Judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991* . . . . . [154]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/63/458-S/2008/621)

(b) Letter from the President of the Security Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/63/470)

Under rule 15 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided to proceed to the consideration of agenda item 154.

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to documents A/63/458-*S/2008/621* and A/63/470.

The General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General that was endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1837 (2008) of 29 September 2008 to extend the terms of office of the following permanent judges at the Tribunal who are members of the Appeals Chamber until 31 December 2010, or until the completion of the cases before the Appeals Chamber if sooner: Liu Daqun (China), Theodor Meron (United States), Fausto Pocar (Italy) and Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana); extend the terms of office of the following permanent judges at the Tribunal who are members of the Trial Chambers until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner: Carmel Agius (Malta), Jean-Claude Antonetti (France), Iain Bonomy (United Kingdom), Christoph Flügge (Germany), O-gon Kwon (Republic of Korea), Bakone Justice Moloto (South Africa), Alphons Orie (Netherlands), Kevin Parker (Australia), Patrick Robinson (Jamaica) and Christine Van den Wyngaert (Belgium); extend the terms of office of the following ad litem judges, currently serving at the Tribunal, until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner: Ali Nawaz Chowhan (Pakistan), Pedro David (Argentina), Elizabeth Gwaunza (Zimbabwe), Frederik Harhoff (Denmark), Tsvetana Kamenova (Bulgaria), Uldis Kinis (Latvia), Flavia Lattanzi (Italy), Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Janet Nosworthy (Jamaica), Michèle Picard (France), Árpád Prandler (Hungary), Kimberly Prost (Canada), Ole Bjørn Støle (Norway) and Stefan Trechsel (Switzerland); and extend the terms of office of the following ad litem judges, who are not currently appointed to serve at the Tribunal, until 31 December 2009, or until the completion of any cases to which they may be assigned if sooner: Melville Baird (Trinidad and Tobago), Frans Bauduin (Netherlands), Burton Hall (Bahamas), Frank Höpfel (Austria), Raimo Lahti (Finland), Jawdat Naboty (Syrian Arab Republic), Chioma Egondu Nwosu-Iheme (Nigeria), Prisca Matimba Nyambe (Zambia), Brynmor Pollard (Guyana), Vonimbolana Rasoazanany (Madagascar), Krister Thelin (Sweden), Klaus Tolksdorf (Germany) and Tan Sri Dato Lamin Haji Mohd Yunus (Malaysia).

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/63/92-S/2008/417) [10]*; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/63/218-S/2008/522)* [101]*: joint debate*

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan (as Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission), France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Jamaica (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Russian Federation, Brazil, China, Peru, Thailand, Egypt, the United Kingdom, Ghana, Pakistan, Italy, Indonesia, Iceland, Bangladesh, India, Mexico and South Africa.

Main Committees

First Committee

5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of the Kuwait, Algeria, Viet Nam, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, Malaysia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Kyrgyzstan, Ghana, Turkey, the Sudan, Yemen, the United Republic of Tanzania, Iraq, Thailand and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

5th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

Hearing of Petitioners

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Lorenzo Olarte Cullen, Former President of Canary Islands (A/C.4/63/5/Add.28); Mr. Mikael Simble, Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara (A/C.4.63/5/Add.9); Mr. Marc Louis Ropivia, Professor, Omar Bongo University in Libreville (A/C.4/63/5/Add.51); Ms. Jane Bahaijoub, Family Protection (A/C.4/63/5/Add.40); Mr. Eric Cameron, World Action for Refugees, Norway (A/C.4/63/5/Add.54); Mr. Pedro Pinto Leite, International Platform of Jurists for East Timor (A/C.4/63/5/Add.45); Mr. Juan Soroeta Liceras, Derecho Público Internacional (A/C.4/63/5/Add.23); Mr. José Luis Jiménez, Journalist (A/C.4/63/5/Add.57); Mr. Francesco Bastagli (A/C.4/63/5/Add.61); Mr. Javier P. Morillas Gómez, Del Observatorio de Empleo (A/C.4/63/5/Add.60); Mr. Diallo Babacar, Centre d'Etudes Diplomatiques et Strategie, Dakar (A/C.4/63/5/Add.53); Ms. Anja Oksalampi, Executive Secretary of Yaakaare-REDHRIC (A/C.4/63/5/Add.38); and Ms. Gilonne d'Origny (A/C.4/63/5/Add.48).

Question of New Caledonia

On the basis of a decision taken at the 2nd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Julien Boanemoi, Customary Senate of Ajie-Aro (A/C.4/63/6); and Mr. Rock Wamytan, FLNKS and Senate Presidency (A/C.4/63/6/Add.1).

Agenda items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37

General debate

The Committee heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Dominica (on behalf of CARICOM), Senegal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Namibia and the Congo.

The representative of Morocco made a statement on a point of order.

Third Committee

5th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

International drug control . . . . . [98]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime responded to questions and comments made by the representatives of Belarus, China, the Sudan, Benin, Malaysia, Egypt, Cameroon, Pakistan and Jordan.

The Secretary made a statement.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries), Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), Belarus (on behalf of Member States and Associated Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States), Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization), Cuba, the United States, Japan, the Sudan and Bangladesh.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of proposals under the items was 1 p.m. Friday, 10 October.

6th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Kenya, Colombia, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, Liechtenstein, Algeria, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Thailand, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Nigeria, India, Myanmar, Singapore, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, the Philippines and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations African Institute for Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders.

Fifth Committee

5th meeting

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [128]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the annual report of that Office (A/63/302 (Part I) and A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.1).

The Chief of the Accountability and Oversight Support Service introduced the comments of the Secretary-General (A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.2).

The Chairman of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee introduced the report of that Committee (A/63/328).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services and the Chairman of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee made concluding statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would begin on that day, Thursday, 9 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5 under the chairmanship of Ms. Barbara Kaudel (Austria).

Sixth Committee

4th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

The Sixth Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 99.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Qatar, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Iraq, Norway, Sri Lanka, Angola, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Cameroon, Afghanistan, Mongolia, Ecuador, Mali, Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Nicaragua, Kuwait, Maldives and the United States.

The representatives of Cuba and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 99.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Yemen (8 October 2008)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Burundi (2 October 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/63/5/Add.5	Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5E [A C E F R S]
A/63/5/Add.9	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime — Financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 and Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5I [A C E F R S]
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	such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/203	Item 60 (a) — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
A/63/293/Corr.1	Item 64 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Moratoriums on the use of the death penalty — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/310/Add.3	Item 126 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Consultants and individual contractors — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/337	Item 67 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — The protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/341	Item 64 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/345	Item 51 of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference — Proposed organization of work of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 29 November-2 December 2008) — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/348	Item 68 (a) of the provisional agenda — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — Central Emergency Response Fund — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/361	Item 15 of the provisional agenda — The situation in the Middle East — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/363	Items 121 and 129 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — United Nations pension system — Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/462	Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 29 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/472	Item 122 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/L.3	Item 36 — Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories — Algeria, Argentina, China, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and United Republic of Tanzania: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/63/L.4 Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman — Question of Gibraltar [A C E F R S]

Security Council **Documents**

S/2008/637 Letter dated 6 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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S/Agenda/5990 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

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Guinea-Bissau configuration

PBC/3/GNB/3 Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Guinea-Bissau 31 July 2008 [A C E F R S]

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E/2008/SR.23 Meeting held on 8 July 2008, 10 a.m. [E F S (only)]

E/2008/SR.24 Meeting held on 8 July 2008, 3 p.m. [E F S (only)]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-second session

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Reports provided by the specialized agencies of the United Nations system on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities — Note by the Secretary-General — International Labour Organization [A C E F R S]

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

3–6 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	24th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/472*) [122]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/209) [67]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/210) [68]: joint debate

3. Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/63/92) [10]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/63/218 and A/63/218/Corr.1 (English only)) [101]: joint debate

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on Tuesday, 14 October 2008 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., as well as on Friday, 17 October 2008 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The session will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

General Assembly
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Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I) and A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3 and A/C.1/63/4); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II))[1]; *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

[1] To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Action on draft resolutions and a draft decision relating to agenda items on decolonization (agenda items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37)

(a) Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations . . . . . [33]

Draft resolution I (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 51)

(b) Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories . . . . . [34]

Draft resolution II (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 52)

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations . . . . . [35]

Draft resolution III (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 54)

(d) Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories . . . . . [36]

Draft resolution (A/C.4/63/L.3)

(e) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

(i) Question of Gibraltar

Draft decision (A/C.4/63/L.4)

(ii) Question of New Caledonia

Draft resolution IV (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 59)

(iii) Question of Tokelau

Draft resolution V (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 62)

(iv) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

Draft resolution VI (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 64)

(v) Dissemination of information on decolonization

Draft resolution VII (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 78)

(vi) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Draft resolution VIII (A/63/23, chapter XII, p. 80)

(vii) Draft decision on increase in the membership of the Special Committee with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Draft decision (A/63/23/Add.1, para. 4)

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Advancement of women (A/63/38[1], A/63/222 and A/63/215) . . . . . [56]

(a) Advancement of women (A/63/214, A/63/216, A/63/364[1] and A/63/205)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (A/63/217)

Statement by the Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women

Introductory statements, followed by question time

General discussion

[1]To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11, A/63/68, A/62/11, A/62/70, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/C.5/61/11 and A/56/767))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability framework and Results-based management (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1, A/62/701/Add.1, A/61/805, A/62/704, A/63/268, A/63/457 and A/63/328 (Section III, Part D))); 128 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/302 (Part 1), A/63/302 (Part 1)/Add.1 and A/63/302 (Part 1)/Add.2)); and 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/63/328 Section III, Parts A, B and C))

Sixth Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

The rule of law at the national and international levels (A/63/64, A/63/69-S/2008/270, A/63/154, A/63/226, A/63/281-S/2008/451 and A/C.6/63/2) . . . . . [79]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 74 (Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session (UNCITRAL)) will be discussed on Monday, 20 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Meeting with the Staff Council
3. Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Monday, 13 October 2008

Informal Consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction" (under agenda item 89 (x)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Jordan)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring stable economic development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 49) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons" (under agenda item 82) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

1.15–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Nuclear disarmament" (under agenda item 89 (v)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Myanmar)

2.30–3.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Monday, 13 October 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on financing for development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the administration of justice)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on the Committee on Information)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on criminal accountability)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Bilateral contacts on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (convened by the Coordinator)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Monday, 13 October 2008

Informal meeting on the upcoming first meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Jordan, New Zealand and South Africa)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[Permanent Missions are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 13 October 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

The Committee will continue its substantive work, by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items until Tuesday, 14 October 2008.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity,

and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Delegations to the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) are strongly encouraged to submit draft resolutions and decisions by e-mail. The First Committee secretariat has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose (1cdrafts@un.org). The deadline for submission is Thursday, 16 October, at 12 noon. The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail lois@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 6th meeting on Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 6th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The prevention of illicit brokering activities" (under agenda item 91) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Australia and the Republic of Korea)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Decreasing the operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC)" (under agenda item 89 (k)) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors and interested States on the draft resolution entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" (under agenda item 89 (e)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in armaments" (under agenda item 89 (f)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (under agenda item 64 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Mason Group

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee experts)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 9.15 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on criminal accountability)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" (under agenda item 49 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Guatemala)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Criminal Court: Informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Women's International Forum on "The New World Order: The impact of the rising financial power of developing economies" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Briefing by the facilitators and the Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for delegates of the Third Committee on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119 (Programme Planning)) (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing on the activities of the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women (organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium and Trinidad and Tobago)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All Permanent and Observer Missions are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Ingrid Arnò, UNIFEM (tel. 1 (212) 906-5149).]

Introduction of two reports of the Secretary-General entitled: "The New Partnership for Africa's Development: sixth consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support" (A/63/206); and "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/63/212) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[For further information please contact Mr. Mehdi Hamam, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2645; e-mail hamamm@un.org); or Ms. Cheryl Larsen, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8401; e-mail larsenc@un.org).]

Presentation of a report entitled "Abolishing nuclear weapons", by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Paul Shrubsole, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail paul.shrubsole@fco.gov.uk).]

Panel discussion on "Do not sever your lifeline! Why involving young people is crucial for development, especially in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and how to engage them" (organized by the United Nations Youth Delegates and supported by the Permanent Missions of Jamaica, the Netherlands and Thailand)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Wouter Thiebou (tel. 1 (347) 573-6294; e-mail wouterthiebou@gmail.com); or Ms. Laura Bosch (tel. 1 (212) 519-9738; e-mail laura.bosch@minbuza.nl).]

Panel discussion to mark the first observance of the International Day of Rural Women (15 October) (co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Emmanuelle Collet, Division for the Advancement of Women (tel. 1 (212) 963-4426; e-mail collete@un.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing entitled "The situation of rural women: Providing the tools for economic empowerment"

Thursday, 16 October 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Sections, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on "Least Developed Countries Report, 2008"

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.35 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

Special event in observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Human rights and dignity of people living in poverty" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information contact Ms. Renata Kaczmarska (tel. 1 (212) 963-4596; e-mail kaczmarska@un.org); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlDay/2008intlday.html>.]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 20 to 24 October 2008, in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (tel. 1 (917) 367-5734; e-mail lennard@un.org); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

Delegations, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business sector are reminded that in view of the proximity of the Conference and the limited availability of facilities, a deadline to submit proposals for side events to be held during the Conference is set for Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All requests should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stefania Piffanelli (e-mail piffanelli@un.org).

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may

be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 10 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, the Philippines, Israel, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Ethiopia, Singapore, Kenya, India, Senegal, Zambia, South Africa and the Republic of the Congo.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee agreed on its programme of work and timetable for its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96" as contained in document A/C.1/63/CRP.2, as orally amended.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

6th meeting

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

Agenda items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37

General debate

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee heard a statement by the representative of Zambia.

The representative of Morocco made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee heard statements by the representatives of the Equatorial Guinea, Comoros, Cuba, New Zealand, Guinea, Egypt, Nicaragua, Gabon, Bahrain, Nigeria, Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea (on behalf of Fiji, Nauru, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu), Bolivia, Mozambique, Benin, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Algeria and Morocco.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Cuba.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that action on draft resolutions and draft decisions relating to agenda items on decolonization (33, 34, 35, 36 and 37) would be taken on Monday, 13 October at 10 a.m.

The Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution entitled "Question of Western Sahara" (A/C.4/63/L.5) until Tuesday, 14 October.

Third Committee

7th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

International drug control . . . . . [98]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Qatar, Indonesia, Morocco, Israel, Mexico, Ghana, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, El Salvador, Jordan, Ukraine, Bolivia, Maldives, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Saudi Arabia and Ecuador.

Right of reply

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda items 97 and 98.

Sixth Committee

5th meeting

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission . . . [73]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 73.

The Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/63/54).

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries, Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the Sudan, Nigeria, Uruguay, Algeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tunisia, Guatemala, Indonesia, China, Israel, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Norway, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Canada and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 73.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
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H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

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Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

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H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

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A/BUR/62/SR.4	Meeting held on 10 July 2008, 3.30 p.m. [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-third session
A/63/PV.5	Meeting held on 23 September 2008, 9 a.m. [A C E F R S]
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A/62/952*	Reissued for technical reasons [F (only)]

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A/63/116/Add.1	Item 89 (n) — General and complete disarmament: observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control — Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/233	Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the sixty-third session — Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority — Letter dated 17 September 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/285*	Reissued for technical reasons [F (only)]
A/63/468	Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 28 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
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Third Committee

A/C.3/63/L.3	Item 55 (e) — Social development: review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons — Philippines: draft resolution — Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.4	Item 55 (c) — Social development: follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution — Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.5	Item 55 (a) — Social development: implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution — Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.6	Item 55 (b) — Social development: social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — Belgium, Brazil, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Slovenia, Spain and Thailand: draft resolution — Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/630	Letter dated 2 October 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/639	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/640	Letter dated 2 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/641	Letter dated 8 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/5991	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
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E/2008/SR.28	Meeting held on 11 July 2008, 10 a.m. [E F S (only)]
E/2008/SR.29	Meeting held on 11 July 2008, 3 p.m. [E F S (only)]
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E/2008/SR.35	Meeting held on 18 July 2008, 3 p.m. [E F S (only)]

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E/2008/INF/5	List of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as of 18 September 2008 — Note by the Secretary-General [E (only)]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-first session

CEDAW/C/SR.841	Meeting held on 9 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
CEDAW/C/SR.847	Meeting held on 14 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 5993rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The question concerning Haiti

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2008/586)

Morning[1] . . . . . 5994th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Afghanistan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2008/617)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 5993rd meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 14 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., as well as on Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Conclusion of the general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items

   General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3 and A/C.1/63/4); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp.42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II)[1] and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

   [Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

2. Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96

   (a) Follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session/Presentation of reports

   High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

   (b) Thematic discussion on the issue of nuclear weapons

[1] To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

   Question of Western Sahara (A/C.4/63/L.5)

   Draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.5

2. International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/63/20) . . . . . [28]

   General debate

Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

[1]To be held immediately following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Advancement of women (A/63/38[1], A/63/222 and A/63/215) . . . . . [56]

(a) Advancement of women (A/63/214, A/63/216, A/63/364[1] and A/63/205)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (A/63/217)

Introductory statements, followed by question time

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [55 (a)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [55 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.6

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [55 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.4

4. United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all . . . . . [55 (d)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.7

5. Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons [55 (e)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3

6. Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [97]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.9 and A/C.3/63/L.11

7. Advancement of women (A/63/38[1], A/63/222 and A/63/215) . . . . . [56]

   (a) Advancement of women (A/63/214, A/63/216, A/63/364[1] and A/63/205)

   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (A/63/217)

   Continuation of general discussion

[1]To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708 and A/62/7/Add.40)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708 and A/62/7/Add.40))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11, A/63/68, A/62/11, A/62/70, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/C.5/61/11 and A/56/767))

[1]Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

The rule of law at the national and international levels (A/63/64, A/63/69-S/2008/270, A/63/154, A/63/226, A/63/281-S/2008/431 and A/C.6/63/2) . . . . . [79]

Bilateral contacts

10 a.m.[1] . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

Working Group

Morning[2]–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Criminal accountability of United Nations Officials and experts on Mission . . . [73]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 74 (Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session (UNCITRAL)) will be discussed on Monday, 20 October; agenda item 72 (Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States) will be discussed on Tuesday, 21 October; and agenda item 78 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization) will be discussed on Wednesday, 22 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1]Until the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Committee.

[2]Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. World Food Programme
3. Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 14 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Decreasing the operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union)

1–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC)" (under agenda item 89 (k)) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

2.30–3.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 14 October 2008

Group of 77 (briefing on sustainable development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the Committee on Information)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

Mason Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on criminal accountability)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Southern African Development Community (SADC) (Third Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other activities

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Tuesday, 14 October 2008

International seminar on "The role of small States in international peace and security" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Iceland)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. María Mjöll Jónsdóttir, Permanent Mission of Iceland (tel. 1 (646) 282-9373; e-mail maria.jonsdottir@utn.stjr.is).]

Women's International Forum on "The New World Order: The impact of the rising financial power of developing economies" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Briefing by the facilitators (Morocco and Switzerland) and the Director of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for delegates of the Third Committee on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119 (Programme Planning))

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing on the activities of the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women (organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium and Trinidad and Tobago)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All Permanent and Observer Missions are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Ingrid Arnò, UNIFEM (tel. 1 (212) 906-5149).]

Introduction of two reports of the Secretary-General entitled: "The New Partnership for Africa's Development: sixth consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support" (A/63/206); and "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/63/212) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[For further information please contact Mr. Mehdi Hamam, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2645; e-mail hamamm@un.org); or Ms. Cheryl Larsen, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8401; e-mail larsenc@un.org).]

Presentation of a report entitled "Abolishing nuclear weapons", by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Paul Shrubsole, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail paul.shrubsole@fco.gov.uk).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 14 October 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council stakeout

Morning[1] . . . . . Mr. Kai Eide, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the meetings of the Security Council.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 15 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 26th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [57 (a) and (b)]: reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/206 and A/63/212); 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [43]: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/219): joint debate

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Delegations to the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) are strongly encouraged to submit draft resolutions and decisions by e-mail. The First Committee secretariat has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this purpose (1cdrafts@un.org). The deadline for submission is Thursday, 16 October, at 12 noon. The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

Dialogue with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions

There will be an interactive dialogue between the executive secretaries of the regional commissions and the Second Committee on Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to examine the challenges facing food security in the various regions, including those relating to the volatility of food and energy prices, as well as climate change; and to review a number of national and regional policy options and initiatives, with a view to long-term and sustainable solutions to achieve food security within and among the regions. The dialogue will be moderated by Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and current Coordinator of the regional commissions.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6905).

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on the "Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)" on Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address priorities for action within the framework of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty and launch the discussion ahead of consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Second Decade.

The panel discussion is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2598).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors and interested States on the draft resolution entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements" (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" (under agenda item 89 (e)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in armaments" (under agenda item 89 (f)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under agenda item 55 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (under agenda item 64 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (under agenda item 27) (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Programme 19" (under agenda item 119) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Supporting efforts to end obstetric fistula" (under agenda item 60) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Monday, 21 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of Migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on the draft resolution on terrorism)

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Friends of the International Criminal Court

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Monday, 20 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" (under agenda item 49 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Guatemala)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Criminal Court: Informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Do not sever your lifeline! Why involving young people is crucial for development, especially in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and how to engage them" (organized by the United Nations Youth Delegates and supported by the Permanent Missions of Jamaica, the Netherlands and Thailand)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Wouter Thiebou (tel. 1 (347) 573-6294; e-mail wouterthiebou@gmail.com); or Ms. Laura Bosch (tel. 1 (212) 519-9738; e-mail laura.bosch@minbuza.nl).]

Panel discussion to mark the first observance of the International Day of Rural Women (15 October) (co-sponsored by the Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Emmanuelle Collet, Division for the Advancement of Women (tel. 1 (212) 963-4426; e-mail collete@un.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing entitled "The situation of rural women: Providing the tools for economic empowerment"

Thursday, 16 October 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Sections, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on "Least Developed Countries Report, 2008"

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.35 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

Special event in observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Human rights and dignity of people living in poverty" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World)

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information contact Ms. Renata Kaczmarska (tel. 1 (212) 963-4596; e-mail kaczmarska@un.org); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlDay/2008intlday.html>.]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 20 to 24 October 2008, in Conference Room XIX at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (tel. 1 (917) 367-5734; e-mail lennard@un.org); or Mr. Masa Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

Delegations, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business sector are reminded that in view of the proximity of the Conference and the limited availability of facilities, a deadline to submit proposals for side events to be held during the Conference is set for Wednesday, 15 October 2008. All requests should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stefania Piffanelli (e-mail piffanelli@un.org).

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press

officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 13 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

24th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/472)* . . . . . [122]

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the report of the Fifth Committee that was before the Assembly.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/63/472*) (resolution 63/4).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 122.

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/209) [67]; *Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 199: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/210)* [68]: *joint debate*

The General Assembly took note of the thirteenth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The General Assembly took note of the fifteenth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by Judge Dennis Byron, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; and Judge Fausto Pocar, President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries which aligned themselves with the statement), New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada and Australia), Croatia, Norway, Serbia, Kenya, Rwanda, the Russian Federation and South Africa.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 67 and 68.

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/63/92) [10]; *Report of the Secretary General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/63/218 and A/63/218/Corr. 1 (in English only))* [101]: *joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 10 and 101.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Australia, Austria, Benin, the United States and Belgium.

25th plenary meeting

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/63/92) [10]; *Report of the Secretary General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/63/218 and A/63/218/Corr. 1 (in English only))* [101]: *joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 10 and 101.

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador, Uruguay, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, Cameroon and Guinea-Bissau.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/32 of 19 November 2002, the observer of the Inter-Parliamentary Union made a statement.

The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda items 10 and 101.

Main Committees

First Committee

7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Haiti (on behalf of CARICOM), Nepal, Armenia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Papua New Guinea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Burkina Faso, Nicaragua, Eritrea, Oman, San Marino, Jordan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco and Benin.

In the exercise of the right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

7th meeting

Implementation of the declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [37]

Action on draft resolutions and draft decisions relating to agenda items on decolonization (items 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40)

The Chairman made a statement.

Information from Non-Self Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations . . . . . [33]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the Congo.

The Committee adopted draft resolution I, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 147 to none, with 4 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

The representative of Belarus indicated that had they been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Kuwait and Uganda indicated that they had voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 33.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of peoples of the Non-Self Governing Territories . . . . . [34]

The Committee adopted draft resolution II, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 149 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Argentina.

Statements were made by the delegations of the Central African Republic, El Salvador, Argentina, Singapore and Malta.

The representative of Cape Verde indicated that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

The representative of Montenegro indicated that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolutions I and II.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 34.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations . . . . . [35]

The Committee adopted draft resolution III, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 105 to none, with 54 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process Albania, as well as the Republic of Moldova) and Argentina.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 35.

Offers by Member States of study and training for inhabitants of Non-Self Governing Territories [36]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.3, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 36.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [37]

Question of Gibraltar

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.4, without a vote.

Question of New Caledonia

The Committee adopted draft resolution IV, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), without a vote.

Question of Tokelau

The Committee adopted draft resolution V, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), without a vote.

Question of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

Statements were made by the delegations of Pakistan and the United Kingdom.

The Committee decided to postpone action on draft resolution VI, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), until a later date.

Dissemination of Information on decolonization

The Committee adopted draft resolution VII, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 153 to 3, with 1 abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina and the United Kingdom.

The representatives of Andorra and Jordan indicated that they had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The Committee adopted draft resolution VIII, contained in document A/63/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 156 to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina and the United Kingdom.

Increase in the membership of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The Committee adopted the draft decision contained in document A/63/23/Add.1, paragraph 4, without a vote.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [29]

The Chairman made a statement.

Panel discussion on "Space applications and food security"

Introductory remarks were made by Mr. Ciro Arévalo Yepes, Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Presentations were made by Mr. David O'Connor, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. Sten Nilsson, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); and Mr. Toshihito Murata, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Questions and comments were made by the representatives of Chile, Colombia, Austria and Togo.

Mr. Arévalo Yepes, Mr. David O'Connor and Mr. Sten Nilsson responded to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew to the attention of the Committee that the Working Group of the Whole would begin its discussion on the draft omnibus resolution on agenda item 28, after the adjournment of its next meeting on Tuesday, 14 October 2008.

Second Committee

7th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [47]

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt crisis and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries

(d) Commodities

The Committee began its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA); the Chief, Debt and Development Finance Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); and the Head, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD.

The Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Development Office, DESA; the Chief, Debt and Development Finance Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); and the Head, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD responded to questions and comments made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nigeria and Benin.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), the United States, China, Australia (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), the Sudan, Colombia and the Russian Federation.

8th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [47]

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt crisis and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries

(d) Commodities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, India, Malaysia, Algeria, Ghana, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Jordan, Ukraine, Thailand, Brazil, the Philippines, Nigeria, Japan, Guatemala, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Iraq.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Common Fund for Commodities.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 47, sub-items (b), (c) and (d).

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Germany).

Third Committee

8th meeting *Advancement of women* [56]

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

The Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women introduced reports under the item.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women responded to questions and comments made by the representatives of Algeria, the Sudan, Chile, the Syrian Arab Republic, Colombia and France, and by the observer for Palestine.

A statement was also made by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)) and Canada (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand).

9th meeting *Advancement of women* [56]

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)), Cuba, Iraq, Japan, the Sudan, Bangladesh, the Netherlands, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Belarus, the United States, Turkey, Algeria, Jamaica, Viet Nam, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, China, Slovenia, Chile, Pakistan, Senegal and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Sixth Committee

6th meeting

The rule of law at the national and international levels . . . . . [79]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 79.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on the agenda item (A/63/64, A/63/154 and A/63/226).

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada and Australia), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croaia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Cuba, the Republic of Korea and China.

7th meeting

The rule of law at the national and international levels . . . . . [79]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 79.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Japan, Pakistan, India, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Singapore, Mozambique, Norway, Zambia, Nigeria, Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lesotho, Kazakhstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam, the United Republic of Tanzania, Qatar, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Kuwait and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

European Agement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), Geneva, 30 September 1957

Acceptance of the amendments proposed by Portugal to Annexes A and B, as amended

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 13 October 2008.

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	Sixty-third session
A/63/115 (Part II)	Items 86 and 92 — Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East — The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/118/Corr.1	Item 76 — Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/188–S/2008/504	Item 105 (c) of the provisional agenda — Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five members of the International Court of Justice — Curricula vitae of candidates nominated by national groups — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/327	Item 119 of the provisional agenda — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 and on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/327/Add.1	Item 119 of the provisional agenda — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the financial period ended 31 December 2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/346/Add.2	Item 121 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Thematic cluster II — Sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
A/C.1/63/4	Item 89 — General and complete disarmament — Letter dated 7 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/L.5	Item 37 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Algeria, Angola, Belize, Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Grenada, Jamaica, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia and Zimbabwe: draft resolution — Question of Western Sahara [A C E F R S]
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/63/2	Item 79 — The rule of law at the national and international levels — Letter dated 24 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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A/63/188–S/2008/504	Curricula vitae of candidates nominated by national groups — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Official Records

Substantive session 2008
Operational activities segment

E/2008/SR.26 Meeting held on Thursday, 10 July 2008, at 10 a.m. [E F S (only)]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Pre-session working group
Forty-second session

CEDAW/C/SLV/Q/7/Add.1
Replies to the list of issues and questions with regard to the consideraion of the seventh periodic report — El Salvador [A C E F R S]

Forty-second session

CEDAW/C/2008/III/3/Add.1
Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Reports provided by the specialized agencies of the United Nations system on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities — Note by the Secretary-General — United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization [A C E F R S]

Pre-session working group
Forty-third session

CEDAW/C/ARM/Q/4 List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodc reports — Armenia [A C E F R S]

CEDAW/C/BTN/Q/7 List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodc reports — Bhutan [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2008/38/Amend.1
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